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Two avalanches hit snowmobilers

One feared dead, one missing, days after awareness campaign launched

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A snowmobiler is believed dead and another is missing following a pair of avalanches in northern B.C. and the North Okanagan yesterday.

A group of 14 snowmobilers were in a remote mountainous area south of Chetwynd at about 2 p.m. when one avalanche occurred, said North District RCMP.

The danger of further slides prevented attempts to retrieve the dead snowmobiler, whose identity has not been released. The body will not be recovered until the area is deemed safe.

About an hour earlier, three snowmobilers were caught in an avalanche on Mara Mountain, northeast of Enderby. Two riders were able to escape, but left their friend behind.

A search-and-rescue group from Salmon Arm were aiding RCMP in the search.

On Saturday, an American snowboarder who was caught in an avalanche near Terrace on Thursday became the 11th person in two weeks to die in a slide in B.C.

The man's death came the same day Public Safety Minister John van Dongen announced Avalanche Awareness Days on Grouse Mountain.

The 39-year-old victim, whose name hasn't been released, was buried in an avalanche on Alice Mountain on Thursday, and died in a Washington State hospital on Saturday.

"Sixty five per cent of all avalanche fatalities across the country happen in B.C.," said van Dongen. "We need to continue to make the public aware of avalanche risks and how to avoid and mitigate those risks."

Events at Grouse Mountain included presentations about trip preparation, training, sport-specific safety gear and survival tips.

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Culinary Team Canada goes for 'shot at podium'

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After two years and 50 trial runs, Vancouver chef David Wong says his methodically designed menu for the world's most prestigious culinary competition is nearly perfect.

Wong and his apprentice Grace Pineda will be competing against top chefs from 23 other countries in the biannual Bocuse D'Or culinary competition in Lyon, France, at the end of the month.

Yesterday, members of the media and chefs from various Vancouver restaurants crowded in the kitchen at the Art Institute of Vancouver — where Wong teaches — to watch his final timed practice.

It was also the first time anyone outside his team got to sample the menu.

"This was arguably our best (run)," Wong said. "I feel great. A lot of it by this point is mental, now."

"We reformed the menu all the way down to (yesterday) ... and I think we're still going to be revisiting things all the way down to our flight on (Jan.) 21."

The competition, founded in 1987 by chef Paul Bocuse, has 24 chefs from 24 countries competing in front of 8,000 journalists and screaming spectators for the title of world's best chef.

"This is very much like an elite sporting event," said Canada's Chef de Mission, Vincent Parkinson.

John Humphreys, executive chef with Moxie's, which is sponsoring Team Canada, said the team's level of attention to technical detail is "astounding."

He said Wong is so focused that he sets the clock to France time when he practises.

"This is like playing for the Stanley Cup with the press on the ice, (and) I think we've got a shot at the podium."

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Vancouver chef David Wong puts the final touches on his potato, fennel and bacon ragout at the Art Institute of Vancouver yesterday. Wong will be competing for Canada at the prestigious Bocuse D'Or culinary competition in France at the end of the month.

Bocuse D'Or in Lyon, France

- Bocuse D'Or participants have 5½ hours to prepare their dishes.
- This year's main ingredients are Norwegian cod and beef tenderloin.
- No North American chef has placed better than fourth.

Homeless man hit with nailed bat in 'random' attack

BURNABY A homeless Burnaby man is in hospital after being badly beaten with a baseball bat with nails in it, RCMP said yesterday.

The 44-year-old man was attacked early Saturday morning after coming off an elevator into the underground of an apartment building, Cpl. Alexandra Mulvihill said, adding that the attack appeared to be random.

"The (victim) was found suffering from a puncture wound to the abdomen. (He) was taken to hospital where he underwent surgery for his injuries, which included a broken arm."

One person — who Mulvihill said was a young male offender — was arrested in connection with the assault, and police are now looking for another male and female suspect. METRO VANCOUVER

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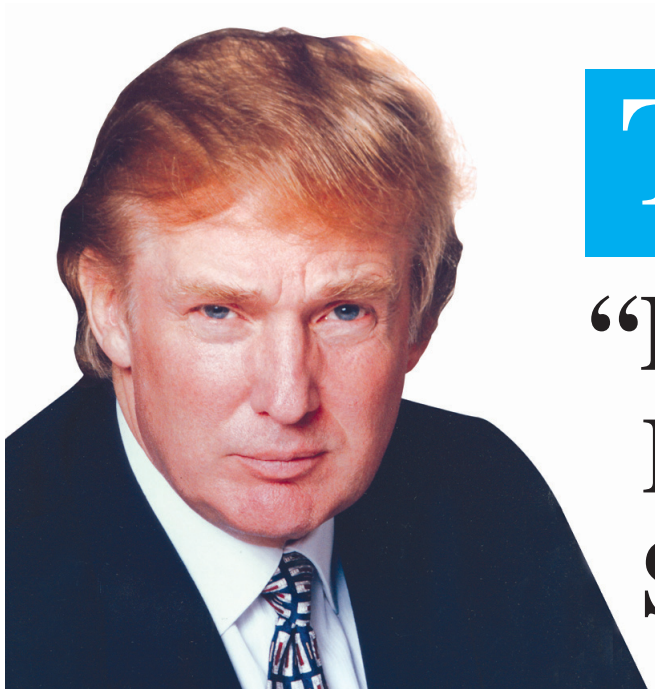
Who Want To Get Rich In Real Estate & Business!



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– Donald Trump,
Executive Producer, The Apprentice, NBC • Chairman, Trump Institute

Dear Vancouver Area Resident,

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I love that!

With this monumental fame there comes a great responsibility (and an enormous opportunity) to make a huge contribution to the North American economy.

Something Extraordinary For You!

Since the amazing success of *The Apprentice,* I have been wondering what to do with this new power of worldwide fame. Recently I got the idea to do something truly extraordinary and totally outside of the box.

What I've decided is that I want to train and educate the next generation of real estate moguls and business entrepreneurs. Why?

There are two very good reasons:

Reason #1:

America's been very good to me and my family and this is a great way I can give back to the country and help stimulate real economic growth.

Reason #2:

I believe that what I have to share will create so much success for my students, that I will leave a legacy as being the father of modern real estate acquisition and entrepreneurial success.

You see, one thing you should know about me is that more than anything, I want to be known as a great businessman, maybe even the greatest!

That's why I have created Trump Institute.

Want To Know How I Do It?

Would you like to know how I buy and sell real estate? How I pick properties for huge profits and high yield equity gains?

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Ultimately, your success depends on you, and with my help, you can get an education and an advantage that has not only proven to work for me, but it has also worked for many of the world's richest men and women.

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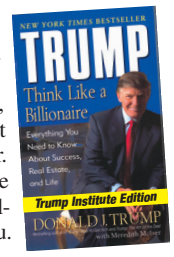

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Wedding fair gives away $100,000 dream wedding
The 30th annual Vancouver Wedding Fair ended yesterday with the give-away of a $100,000 grand prize dream wedding. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Harper to help launch project in B.C.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will be at the Fraser Surrey docks today to launch construction of what the B.C. government calls a "major joint federal/provincial infrastructure project." Premier Gordon Campbell and provincial Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon will also be on hand. METRO VANCOUVER

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News in brief

ROBBERY Surrey RCMP believe a robbery at Shoppers Drug Mart may have been committed by the suspect in a December 2008 robbery, news11-30.com reports, as witnesses in both described the same man.

MISSING Police are asking for help in finding a missing Coquitlam man. Patrick Duddy, 34, drives a 2000 Honda CRV with B.C. plate 646-EMA.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Video New Brunswick community mourns anniversary of fatal van crash at **metronews.ca/canada**
Video Remembering when the army dug Toronto out from the snow at **metronews.ca/canada**

Lotteries

Friday, Jan. 9 Lotto Super 7: 8, 12, 24, 26, 31, 37 & 41 Bonus 2 **Extra:** 8, 26, 67, 77
Saturday, Jan. 10 Lotto 6/49: 11, 17, 18, 25, 27 & 34 Bonus 19 **BC 49:** 5, 6, 12, 36, 46 & 47 Bonus 3 **Extra:** 4, 19, 86, 95
These results are not official.

City meets on Village's fate

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The City of Vancouver is holding a special public meeting today on the future of the troubled Olympic Village development.

On Friday, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson announced the city is financially and legally committed to completing the $1-billion project.

It means taxpayers could be on the hook for as much as $875 million, unless the city can renegotiate the loan between financer Fortress Investment Group and Millennium Development.

"We know we've been dealt a very tough hand, but I believe we can meet our obligations," said Robertson in a statement Friday. "We're working very closely with our partners — VANOC, the province and the federal government — to maintain the financing for the Olympic Village project and deliver it in time for the Games."

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

A public meeting on Vancouver's Olympic Village will be held today at 2 p.m. at city hall.

The special council meeting begins today at 2 p.m. at city hall with a presentation on the Olympic Village by new City Manager Penny Ballem. Robertson said the city was in the middle of "urgent and delicate negotiations," but promised to provide as much public information about the finances as possible without compromising those negotiations.

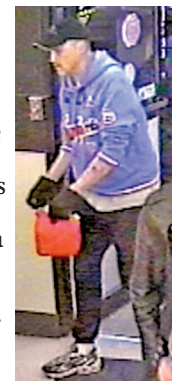
According to Robertson, Vancouver's previous council voted in 2007 to guarantee the project's completion. Fortress, legally within their rights under the loan agreement, stopped advancing money in September.

And as a result, in October, city council approved in-camera a $100-million bailout to keep construction rolling.

Only about one-fifth of that money remains and will run out later this month. Construction could halt as early as mid-February.

'Person of interest' in arsons sought

POLICE Vancouver police are asking for the public's help in identifying a "person of interest" in a string of 11 arsons in South and East Vancouver dating back to Oct. 7.



Police seek "person of interest."

The man, who was wearing a powder-blue hoodie with "New York" across the front, purchased a small jerry can of gas from a service station at East 57th Avenue and Knight Street on Nov. 23. Investigators said it was out of the ordinary to be purchasing such a small amount of gas in the winter. Such purchases are common in the summer when people are using gas-powered mowers and gardening equipment.

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Creditors accept Ballet B.C. repayment plan
Ballet B.C. dancers are returning to the studio today to begin preparations for Carmen after creditors voted Friday to unanimously accept a repayment plan that saw each creditor paid $500 and a portion of every dollar thereafter. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Residents begin floodwater cleanup

CHILLIWACK Residents of Chilliwack have begun the process of cleaning up as floodwaters continue to recede after the region was hit with torrential rains and mudslides.

A state of emergency is in effect and many evacuees might not be able to return for a month after heavy rains and snowmelt left much of the city submerged under water.

Most roads in the hardest-hit part of the city have also been reopened, but Mayor Sharon Gaetz said many farmers have lost livestock, which drowned in their crates and cages.

Around 1,000 birds died, as well as goats, ducks and some cattle, cknw.com reports. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

SEWAGE Untreated sewage has been pouring into Metro Vancouver waterways because of heavy rainfall and melting snow combined with an old system of piping, a spokesperson for the region told CBC News Online. Albert van Roodselaar said the sewage system is improving, but work won't be completed until 2050.
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Michael Byers passes the hunger-strike "baton" to Sarah Evans outside the Lore Krill Housing Co-op in Vancouver yesterday.

Hunger strike in 3rd week

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Canada needs to re-invest in a national social housing program during the current economic downturn to prevent an increase in homelessness, a social activist said yesterday as a local hunger-strike relay stretched into its third week.

"People are losing their jobs," said Michael Byers, a political science professor at the University of B.C.

"They're having trouble paying the rent. Having trouble meeting their mortgage payments."

Byers, who lost nine pounds during his week without food, said investing in housing infrastructure during the downturn takes advantage of low construction costs while creating good-paying jobs.

The hunger-strike relay began two weeks ago to raise awareness about a national housing program.

Next to go hungry

- Sarah Evans, a HIV/AIDS harm-reduction program manager with Coastal Health, begins her one-week fast at noon today.

PavCo to spend up to $365M on refurbished roof for B.C. Place

ROOF The B.C. Pavilion Corp. (PavCo) will spend up to $365-million to put a new retractable roof on a refurbished B.C. Place.

Work on the stadium, home to opening and closing ceremonies during the 2010 Olympics, began last year and will continue through 2012. The project will extend the life of the stadium by 30 years.

The $365-million price tag, which includes contingencies, will be largely self-financed through the development of lands surrounding the 25-year-old stadium.

Other money will come from expanded event business, sponsorship opportunities, cash reserves as well as operational and energy savings from the refurbishment.

PHOTO COURTESY PAVCO

An artist's rendering of what a renovated B.C. Place might look like.

Renovations include hospitality suites, the extension of seating to field level and a draping system to close off the upper deck and end zones to increase its intimacy as a soccer venue.

The renovations are a key part of a bid by the Vancouver Whitecaps for a 2011 Major League Soccer expansion. The team has signed a lease to start their 2011 season in B.C. Place.
JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

THWARTED A "one-man crime spree" came to an end when a Royal Bank employee grabbed and held an attempted robber until officers arrived, Vancouver police said. Graeme Scott Shepherd, 44, is suspected of having committed as many as nine other bank robberies in the past two weeks.

PROTEST Hundreds of people gathered in the pouring rain outside Vancouver Art Gallery to protest Israel's military action in Gaza, CBC News Online reports. The rally on Saturday, which spilled to the street and stopped traffic, coincided with similar protests around the country. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Prison still in lockdown days after fight
A Manitoba prison remained in lockdown yesterday, a day after a major fight involving about 100 inmates sent a handful of them to hospital. Prisoners at the Stony Mountain Institution, 25 kilometres north of Winnipeg, could be confined to their cells for days while the RCMP investigates, a prison spokesman said. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

Stamp prices raised

Starting today, the price of sending snail mail takes a jump. The cost of mailing a first-class letter within Canada will increase to 54 cents from 52 cents. Letters to the United States increase by two cents to 98 cents, while letters to all other foreign countries go up five cents to $1.65. METRO CANADA

Ontario man rakes it in at $3M poker tournament

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Late Saturday night, at a luxurious resort on Paradise Island in the Bahamas, Pooria Nazari's first name became an oxymoron.

That's when Pooria, a 22-year-old biochemistry graduate out of McMaster University, became a multimillionaire by winning a first prize of $3 million US in the largest poker tournament outside Las Vegas.

Not a bad return on the Richmond Hill, Ont., native's original $33 investment online at PokerStars.net. In a Hollywood sort of finish at the final table of the PokerStars Caribbean Adventure, Nazari needed only the fourth hand of heads-up competition against American Tony Gregg before winning the championship and striking it rich.

"It's just a little hard for me to believe right now. It's surreal."
Pooria Nazari

Gregg had raised the pot to $650,000, Nazari made it $2 million, then Gregg shipped it all in.

"How much, like, $8 million?" Nazari, in his dark sunglasses, asked with little emotion. "I call."

And he scraped out the triumph with a pair of 10s, beating Gregg's queen high.

Gregg garnered $1.7 million as the bridesmaid, but Nazari made history with top spot among the 1,347 participants who competed for six days.

"I'm really not sure what I'll do with this money," a subdued Nazari said afterward. "It's just a little hard for me to believe right now. It's surreal."

Nazari, who finished his degree last month, said he only began playing poker six years ago while in high school.

For the past few years, he has played online at PokerStars, the largest online poker-card room in the world.

He qualified for the Caribbean tournament through a $33 re-buy turbo tourney, a series of quick-paced aggressive games that allow players the chance to buy back in, even after a loss.

In addition to the prize money, Nazari earned a berth into the European Poker Tour grand final in Monte Carlo from April 28 to May 3.

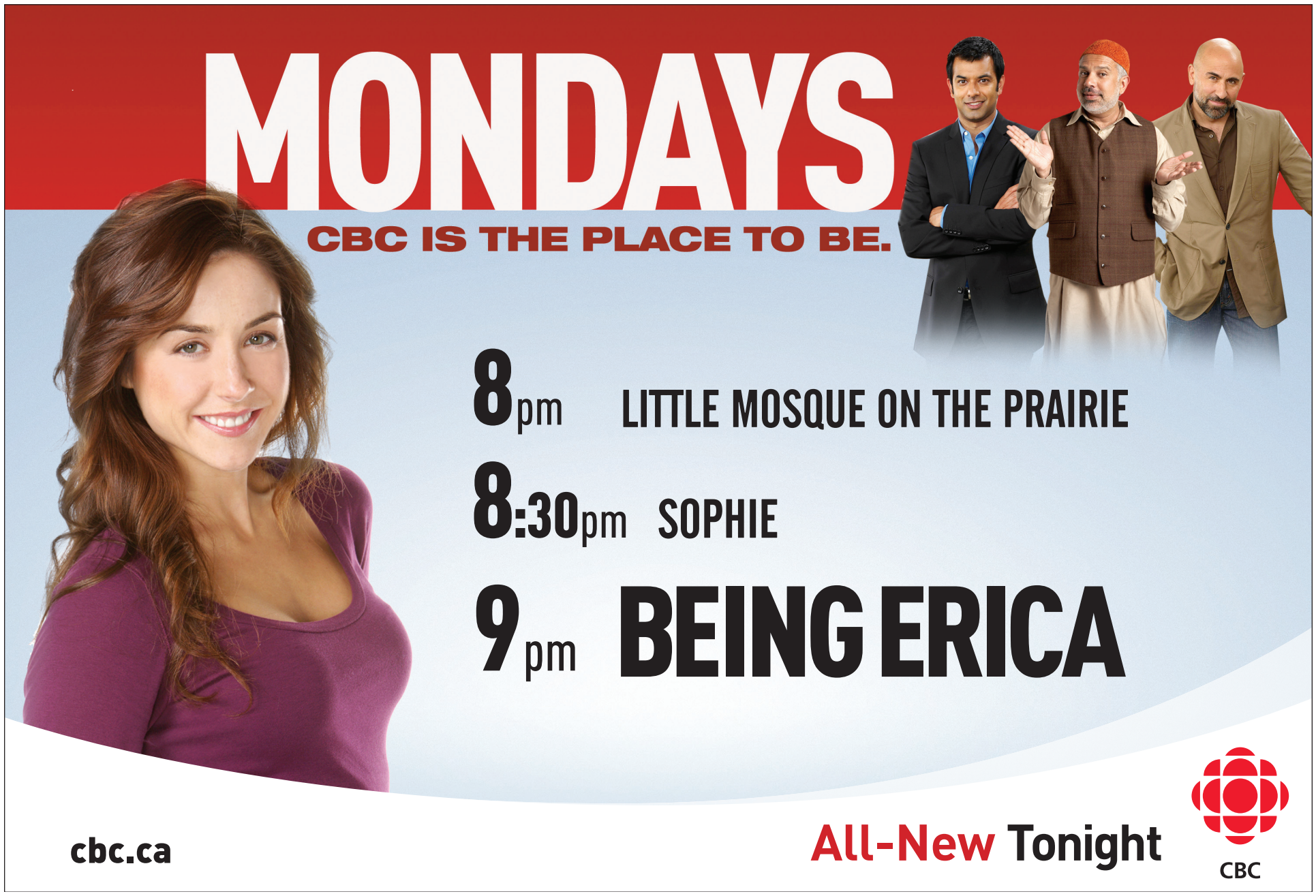
Nova Scotia **Wintery blast**

PAUL DARROW/REUTERS

A man walks past the museum ship CSS Acadia during a snowstorm on the waterfront in Halifax. The province was hit with another winter storm, with some areas expected to get up to 20 centimetres of the white stuff.

News in brief

OBAMA Barack Obama will visit Canada in his first international trip as U.S. president, the office of Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Saturday. No date for the trip was provided, but the statement said it would be Obama's first foreign trip as president. **REUTERS**



Hundreds gather to remember eight killed in Bathurst, N.B., crash
About 200 people gathered at a church in Bathurst, N.B., yesterday to mark the first anniversary of the deaths of seven high school basketball players and one teacher who perished last year when their van collided with a transport truck. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Lawyers defend 'two-beer' defence

New federal legislation that virtually abolishes a "two-beer" defence to an impaired driving charge is being pulled into court for a legal spot check.

Before the new legislation took effect last July 2, people accused of driving with more than .08 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood — particularly if they were only marginally over the limit — would often argue they had consumed just two beers. They might also say they drank the last one not long before the breath test, which could have resulted in more alcohol in their breath than in their blood.

"The particulars of the breath machines ... are shrouded in secrecy." Joseph Neuberger

Under the new changes, part of the federal government's Tackling Violent Crime Act, accused people who want to challenge a breathalyzer result are now required to provide the court with technical evidence proving the equipment was malfunctioning or wasn't operated properly.

The first step in the legal challenge begins today when defence lawyers and the Crown appear in the Superior Court of Justice in Toronto for arguments over which level of court should hear the challenge.

Law professor Alan Young and defence lawyer Joseph Neuberger, represents three men charged with having unlawful blood alcohol levels.

Young and Neuberger believe the legislation is unconstitutional because it no longer permits them to raise reasonable doubt about the validity of a breathalyzer result by calling evidence about their clients' pattern of alcohol consumption.

"The particulars of the breath machines, including maintenance records, specs and the manufacturer's manual are shrouded in secrecy, withheld by the Crown and the manufacturer," Neuberger said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Documents reveal Omar Khadr's age a concern for gov't

KHADR Government lawyers have repeatedly raised concerns about the U.S. prosecution of Omar Khadr since he was only 15 when captured, while publicly, Prime Minister Stephen Harper has supported the war-crimes trial of the Toronto-born detainee.

Internal government documents obtained by Torstar News Service state that "Canada considers that Omar Khadr's juvenile status should be taken into account in all aspects of his detention, treatment, proceedings and possible sentence."

Torstar News Service made the request for documents through the Federal Access to Information legislation 17 months ago. The heavily censored documents from Canada's Justice and Foreign Affairs departments include legal opinions about Khadr's case and war-crimes trials. One report concerning Canada's law for young offenders is blacked out.

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News in brief

PLASTIC BAGS The Loblaw grocery chain in Toronto will begin charging customers five cents per plastic bag today and says "partial proceeds" from the fee will go to World Wildlife Fund-Canada. The chain said it won't reveal how much of the money goes to the conservation group until April, when its pay-for-plastic initiative goes nationwide.

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BEN LEMPHERS/FOR METRO CANADA

Neighbours confirmed a house that went up in flames Saturday was that of former Syncrude president, Jim Carter. The Edmonton police arson unit is investigating the blaze.

Fire-bombing suspected at home of former Syncrude president

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EDMONTON An allegedly purposely lit blaze that gutted a southwest home owned by a former president of a major oil company could have been set by two Molotov cocktails, say neighbours.

"They (police) told us that it was two Molotov cocktails," said Myron Skwarok who lives across the street from the gutted home at 1744 Bearspaw Dr. W.

"We don't know if it was random, or if it was something against the company. This really worries me."

Fire crews were called to the home shortly after 8 p.m. Saturday after neighbours in the upscale cul-de-sac heard a large bang, say firefighters.

The house, owned by former Syncrude president Jim Carter, was completely engulfed, almost immediately destroying the garage and the entire front end of the home, say firefighters.

The blaze, "originating outside the front of the home and the interior front window," caused $850,000 in damages, said fire investigator Rod Lewis yesterday.

"This case has been turned over to the Edmonton Police Service's arson unit — it is in their hands now," said Lewis, who couldn't confirm if the home was attacked by Molotov cocktails.

"No one was inside when the fire started."

Fire investigators were seen using sniffing dogs around the badly charred home yesterday to determine if a liquid was used to ignite the flames.

Skwarok said Carter and his family are doing OK and he's financially "well off" to deal with the aftermath of the fire.

"He's a very nice man and he always goes out of his way to help his neighbours," said Skwarok.

"We've never had anything like this happen in this neighbourhood. It's devastating; my wife is still pretty upset. She didn't get any sleep."

Desperately ill and left in the lurch

CANCER Shortly after Kristina Pliskevicius was diagnosed with advanced ovarian cancer, the young university graduate fell hard through a crack in Canada's social safety net.

Pliskevicius, 26, did not accumulate enough work hours to qualify for employment insurance benefits and she does not qualify for provincial welfare. Unable to support herself, she relies on help from her retired parents and the good graces of her savvy fundraising friends.

"Thank God I have the parents I have or God knows what I would do." Kristina Pliskevicius

It's a trap other young cancer patients in Ontario have been caught in — they're neither poor enough nor sick enough to qualify for government benefits at a time when help is so desperately needed, health advocates say.

"Thank God I have the parents I have or God knows what I would do," Pliskevicius says from her parents' home in Windsor, Ont., where she goes to recuperate after her experimental chemotherapy treatments at a hospital.

Suddenly being hit with a financial crisis after a cancer diagnosis can be a double blow, says Pamela Bowes, manager of program development at Wellspring, a network of cancer support centres. Patients can be desperate by the time they get to Bowes, who provides counselling on financial matters and finds many are surprised to learn what little is out there in terms of government support.

Every provincial or federal program has a different application process and different criteria for eligibility. "Each has a definition for sick enough," she says.

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140-year-old lobster to be released back into ocean by seafood restaurant
A lobster thought to be about 140 years old will be returned to the ocean after briefly becoming the mascot for a New York City restaurant, an animal rights group said. The 20-pound lobster was caught about two weeks ago and bought for $100 US by City Crab and Seafood to become its mascot. REUTERS

World

Elder Bush a 'nut' for skydiving

U.S. President George W. Bush said yesterday he thought his father, the former president, is a "nut" to plan to celebrate his 85th birthday with another skydive. "You're going to have some trouble convincing Mother" about doing the next parachute jump, Bush, 62, told his father, George H.W. Bush, who turns 85 on June 12. REUTERS

Israeli reservists sent to Gaza

Israel threw reservists into battle in the Gaza Strip yesterday and at least 31 Palestinians were killed on the 16th day of an offensive the Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said was close to achieving its aims.

The reservists had been held back until now, as Israeli leaders ponder a full-scale assault on Gaza's towns and cities to try to destroy Hamas' ability to fire rockets into Israel.

It was unclear whether Israeli forces had been ordered to storm into built-up areas, risking higher military casualties as well as heavy civilian losses.

Olmert, Defence Minister Ehud Barak and Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni met to discuss their next move, Israel radio said, predicting more attacks on smugggling tunnels used by Hamas on the Gaza-Egyptian border, and possibly a wider operation.

Thick black smoke rose over the city of Gaza as fighting raged on in the Hamas-ruled territory in defiance of a UN Security Council demand for a ceasefire. REUTERS

Campaign's death toll rises

- The Palestinian death toll since Israel's offensive began on Dec. 27 has reached 890, many of them civilians, Gaza medical officials said.
- Thirteen Israelis — three civilians and 10 soldiers — have been killed, Israel says.

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An Israeli soldier stands atop a personnel carrier yesterday as smoke rises across the border from the northern Gaza Strip.

Obama vows overhaul of U.S. financial rescue plan

ECONOMY U.S. president-elect Barack Obama vowed to retool a $700-billion US financial rescue plan to save more families from foreclosure, and his aides met congressional leaders yesterday to chart fresh spending measures to restore a fragile economy.

Obama said his staff was working closely with congressional leaders to modify terms of the plan and draft a broader economic stimulus package that could, taken together, inject more than a trillion dollars into the ailing economy.

"We're going to have a collaborative, consultative process with Congress over the next few days," said Obama, who takes over as president from President George W. Bush on Jan. 20.

"We're not trying to jam anything down people's throats," he said.

Last week Obama's top aides visited Capitol Hill to allay lawmakers' concerns about the roughly $800-billion package. Obama wants passage of a stimulus plan by mid-February, saying it is crucial to reviving the economy. REUTERS

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Obama to meet with Mexican president today

POLITICS Battling with drug murders and an economic crisis, Mexico's Felipe Calderon will urge U.S. president-elect Barack Obama today to support his drug war and stick to the NAFTA trade deal.

Their meeting, days before Obama takes office, comes after years of complaints of neglect from Mexico and much of Latin America as president George W. Bush's foreign policy focused on the Middle East.

With Mexico's drug violence exploding and fears that Obama could tamper with the North American Free Trade Agreement to protect U.S. workers, the Mexican president will try to persuade the Democrat to give Mexico attention.

Following a tradition that new U.S. presidents meet their Mexican counterparts, Calderon will be the first foreign leader that Obama sits down with since he was elected.

Mexico wants Washington to do more to curb drug-taking in the United States and gun smuggling from north of the border because drug hitmen buy guns legally in the U.S. and bring them back to Mexico to use in the turf battles that killed 5,700 people last year. REUTERS

Palestinian, Israeli supporters rally in cities across Europe

EUROPE Thousands of demonstrators hit the streets of major European cities yesterday for a second day to protest Israel's assault on Gaza, but there was no repeat of Saturday's violent clashes with police.

Around 30,000 people demonstrated in Brussels, while about 1,000 formed a human chain to march through Rome.

"Enough with the bombs, enough with the massacre, enough with the Gaza occupation, enough with the destruction of lives and houses and enough with the death of children," said Chiara Palladini, a protester in Rome.

"Enough with the destruction of lives and houses and enough with the death of children."
Chiara Palladini

Smaller numbers of supporters of Israel also gathered in London, Manchester, Dublin and Prague. A London gathering of 4,000 pro-Israel protesters passed without a repeat of Saturday, when about 20,000 Palestinian supporters confronted riot police. REUTERS

News in brief

INDONESIA An Indonesian ferry carrying 250 passengers capsized and sank after being battered by a large wave in storms in the country's east yesterday, officials said, adding bad weather and nightfall made rescue efforts difficult.
Rustam Pakaya, head of the health ministry's crisis centre, said six deaths had been confirmed in the accident, which occurred early yesterday morning. Eighteen people, including one of the crew, had been rescued, said Bambang Ervan, a spokesman for the country's Transport Ministry, who added a search-and-rescue team had been dispatched to look for the missing passengers. REUTERS

Joe the Plumber plugs Israel over Gaza offensive

Joe the Plumber has plunged into the Gaza war. Covering the conflict for PJTV.com, a U.S. conservative website, Joe Wurzelbacher was in the southern Israeli town of Sderot, a target of rockets from the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip, yesterday. He defended Israel's offensive. REUTERS

Youngest U.K. native to climb Everest dies

FATALITIES The youngest Briton to scale Mount Everest has died climbing France's Mont Blanc, French police said.

The bodies of 21-year-old Rob Gauntlett and his climbing companion were found on Saturday morning.

"These two climbers fell about 600 metres for an unknown reason when they were climbing the Gervasutti corridor on the east side of Mont-Blanc du Tacul," said an official at the Chamonix police station.

Gauntlett was 19 when he became the youngest native of Britain to reach the summit of Everest, the 29,000-foot (8,850 metre) Himalayan mountain, in 2006. REUTERS

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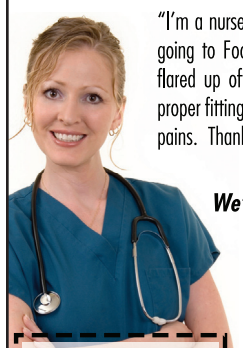

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Early return OK: politicians

French female politicians defended Justice Minister Rachida Dati yesterday against critics who say she acted irresponsibly by taking only five days maternity leave.

French mothers are entitled to 16 weeks paid leave after the birth of a child and women's groups say her decision to rush back after daughter Zohra was born by caesarean section would put pressure on others to do the same.

The move has been unpopular among the French public. An IFOP poll in the Journal du Dimanche newspaper said 56 per cent thought she had returned too early.

But Socialist Segolene Royal said: "Let's leave Rachida Dati alone. This fury against her is indecent and unfair."

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France's President Nicolas Sarkozy hugs Justice Minister Rachida Dati at the Cour de Cassation in Paris yesterday. Dati returned to work on Wednesday, just five days after giving birth.

Royal was also criticized when, as environment minister in 1992, she invited television cameras to her hospital bed to take pictures of newborn daughter Flora.

Higher education minister Valerie Pecresse said she also returned to work swiftly after her child was born.

"Ten days after giving birth, I presided over several important ceremonies," she was quoted as saying in JDD. "It didn't stop me resting afterwards."

French newspapers said Dati, a divorced 43-year-old who has not named the baby's father, felt forced to rush back to her ministry last Wednesday ahead of an expected major judicial reform from President Nicolas Sarkozy that day. REUTERS

Irish majority to back EU treaty in vote, poll suggests

EUROPE A majority of Irish people would vote Yes in a planned second referendum on the European Union's reform treaty, a poll showed yesterday.

Ireland's rejection last year of the treaty — a successor to the defunct EU constitution and aimed at improving decision-making in Brussels — has slowed integration efforts just as EU backers say the 27-country bloc needs to show it can take quick, coordinated action to tackle the financial crisis.

Irish Prime Minister Brian Cowen said last month he was prepared to hold another vote on the treaty on the basis of concessions Dublin has secured.

The Sunday Independent/Quantum Research poll showed 55 per cent would back the treaty in a fresh referendum, up from 39 per cent canvassed in the last survey conducted in December.

The share of No voters dropped to 30 per cent from 37 per cent in December, and those who were undecided fell to 15 per cent from 24 per cent last month. REUTERS

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It's better left unsaid

Or men should just learn to read a woman's mind

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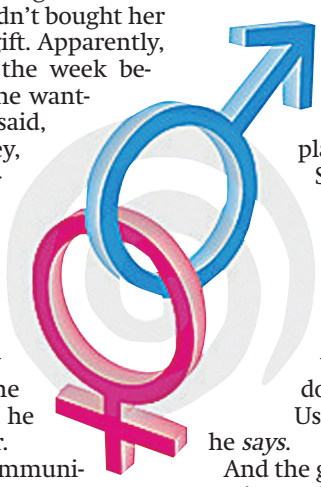
Anne Hines

Someone said, "Life is lived in the subtext." I'm not sure who said it. Possibly me.

What it means is, if you want to find the truth of what another person is thinking, it's not enough to listen to what they say. You have to search underneath, far below the surface to find out what's really going on. Depending on how you look at it this is either wise, insightful life advice, or an excellent plot for a sci-fi movie.

When it comes to dealing with subtext, people fall into two categories. Some have no idea subtext exists. Generally, we call these people "men." This accounts for painful events like this.

A week ago, a friend called, sobbing that her husband hadn't bought her a birthday gift. Apparently, he'd asked the week before what she wanted — she'd said, "Oh honey, being married to you is enough," and, inexplicably in the opinion of every woman she told this to, he believed her.



All miscommunication between men and women could be eliminated entirely if men would take the time to learn one simple skill — how to read our minds. Women, on the other hand, not only know subliminal messages exist, we've turned it into an extreme sport. I've spent many hours with my girlfriends, hunkered over glasses of red wine and low-fat nacho chips, happily playing Guess the Subtext.

Friend: He isn't taking me to the basketball game. He says it's because I keep telling him I don't like sports.

Us: That's what he *says*.

And the game begins.

It is possible for subtext to go unrecognized between two women. On the flimsy excuse that she has vacation days to use or she'll lose them, and I have no time off available, my partner, Liz, recently announced that she's going on a cruise with her mother and without me. My subtext went like this:

Me: That's so great. I'm happy for you.

Subtext: You're what?

Me: I mean, what would you do if you stayed here?

Cook me dinner, paint the laundry room like you keep promising, be waiting at the door when I come home …

Me: Of course, I'm happy for you. I love you.

Even more than my iPod. I love my tunes. Hey, if Liz is away I can crank up the David Cook CD, sing really loud and practise my rock moves in the living room … naked!

So maybe sometimes, there are things better left unsaid.

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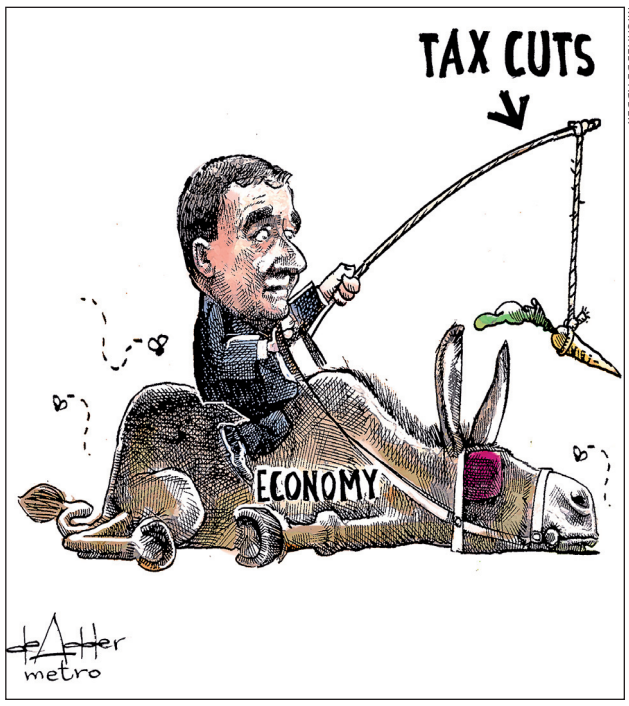

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Views

Pinning hopes on Granville makeover

InTransit

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Love it or loathe it, Granville Street is a Vancouver original.

The downtown district for public intoxication, peep shows and post-pub pushing matches is quite the spectacle on a Friday evening — or a Saturday morning, for that matter.

But while Granville is a magnet for the young, the restless and the seekers of cheap pizza slices — it has yet to be universally embraced.

It's too gritty, some say.

Which is why folks with a stake in Granville Street are pinning their hopes to a redesign that got underway in December.

The makeover — slated for completion near the end of this year — includes wider sidewalks, designer lighting, and new street furnishings such as bike racks, benches and bus shelters. It will also see the creation of a one-block civic event space between Robson and Georgia streets.

All of this makes for a worthwhile project and will position Granville as a gathering spot for locals and out-of-towners during the 2010 Olympics.

But will taxpayers be getting value for the money spent?

One of the letdowns of this redesign is that it preserves the transportation status quo for Granville Mall.

Buses will once again travel through the pedestrian mall, while general traffic won't. And that means Granville will still be, as some critics say, "a bowling alley for buses."

It's too bad the buses couldn't be given the boot along with private vehicles.

During ongoing construction for the Canada Line, bus routes that previously traversed downtown Granville Street have done just fine on adjacent streets.

And when a four-block stretch has been shut down to all traffic — including buses — on some weekend evenings, police and bar patrons have gushed over the relaxed atmosphere — with far fewer fights.

Whether the redesign can deliver a similar kind of social order remains in question.

In an online essay about the redesign, former Vancouver MLA and city councillor Art Cowie pondered the issue. Beyond Granville Street's physical improvements, he asks provocatively, "What is being done to keep the druggies and riff-raff from scaring off the good burghers of the town?"

For better and for worse, the made-over entertainment district will have a fresh new look, but plenty of the same old attitude and antics.

And, we are trusting, more buck-a-slice pizza.

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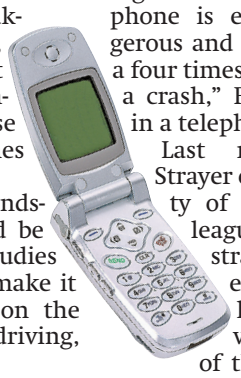
Worth mentioning

U.S. group urges ban on cellphones while driving



The National Safety Council, which campaigned to get U.S. states to enforce seatbelt laws, is taking on cellphones, saying yesterday it was starting a campaign to ban all use of mobile phones while driving.

Even so-called hands-free devices should be banned, because studies show they do not make it any safer to talk on the telephone while driving, the group said.

"It's time to take the cellphone away," said Janet Froetscher, president and chief executive officer of the non-profit group.

"Studies show that driving while talking on a cellphone is extremely dangerous and puts drivers at a four times greater risk of a crash," Froetscher said in a telephone interview.

Last month, Dave Strayer of the University of Utah and colleagues demonstrated that drivers using a hands-free device drifted out of their lanes and missed exits more frequently than drivers talking to a passenger.

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Quote of the Day

"Israel is getting close to achieving the goals it set for itself."

– Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to his cabinet on the Gaza offensive.

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Everyone is panicking about global recession, but you can cut the cost of your motoring bill by making some really easy changes. However you get around, keep it low-cost.

1 Do you need to drive? Why not walk to the supermarket, and trade your car for a bus or bike for your daily commute?

2 If you must go by car, carpool and you can share the cost of driving with your friends.

3 Drive smoothly — braking and revving the engine use more fuel. Stick to the speed limit: Your car pollutes most at very low or high speeds.

4 Be aerodynamic: The more aerodynamic your car is, the less fuel it will use, so cut drag by removing your roof rack, and closing your windows.

5 Set your tires to the correct pressure and you'll use up to 10 per cent less fuel.

6 If you're considering buying a car, buy the smallest and cheapest car that suits your needs.

2008 was 10th hottest on record

TEMPERATURES It might feel cold, but the world is getting hotter and global warming remains a danger, the United Nations weather agency WMO said late last week.

Weather studies since 1850 show an undeniable increase in temperature, World Meteorological Organization spokeswoman Gaelle Sevenier said.

While 2008 was cooler than the previous year, it was the 10th warmest year since records started, Sevenier noted. REUTERS

News in brief

FOOD The warming climate is likely to put stress on crops and livestock alike and could cause serious food shortages for half the world's population, U.S. researchers predicted late last week. The worst effects will be in the regions where the poorest people already live — the tropics and subtropics, the researchers wrote in the journal Science.

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Business

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Hyundai's president of research and product development, Lee Hyun-soon, poses in front of the Hyundai Genesis with the award for North American Car of the Year during the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

Hyundai takes Detroit's car of the year award

Hyundai Motor Co. took car of the year award at the Detroit auto show yesterday, marking a major step for the South Korean automaker in its push to produce a more upscale, mass-market vehicle for U.S. consumers.

The Hyundai Genesis was named the 2009 North American Car of the Year, while Ford Motor Co.'s F-150 was named Truck of the Year.

The awards, which automakers typically use to market their vehicles, were made by a panel of 50 U.S. and Canadian automotive journalists and presented at the start of the North American International Auto Show. The awards are in its 16th year.

"This is not only a nod to our team, but also a nod to our customers, who keep pushing us," said Mark Fields, head of Ford's operations in the Americas.

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Last year's wins

• In 2008, General Motors won car of the- ear for the Chevrolet Malibu and took both car and truck honours at the 2007 show.

Gas crisis to end under EU watch?

DISPUTE European Union monitors arrived at a Russian gas-export pipeline yesterday, as part of a tentative, EU-brokered agreement between Russia and Ukraine to end a supply cut-off.

Monitors are being put in place to reassure Moscow that Ukraine is not siphoning off gas intended for customers in Europe. REUTERS

In brief

POLITICS Mary Schapiro, nominated as the new head of Securities and Exchange Commission, faces a bumpy ride after confirming she was connected to the Bernard Madoff scandal through her current post at brokerage watchdog, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

BAILOUT GM says $13.4 billion US in U.S. government loans will carry it through to March, allowing it to review need for further loans. REUTERS

Toyota unveils electric commuter

AUTOS Toyota Motor Corp. said it would launch an all-electric car for city commuting by 2012 in the United States as part of its plan to speed up the introduction of green cars as its global sales falter.

The FT-EV concept made its debut at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit yesterday, where the world's top automaker is also unveiling two new gasoline-electric hybrid cars.

The FT-EV concept shares a platform with the tiny iQ urban commuter car, which runs on a gasoline engine and emits just 99 grams of carbon dioxide per kilometre.

Toyota said the concept car is targeted at the urban dweller driving up to 80 km between home and work, for instance. REUTERS

Satyam does damage control

SCANDAL The Indian government installed a new board at Satyam Computer Services Ltd. yesterday as authorities stepped up efforts to limit the damage from a fraud that has become India's biggest corporate scandal.

The three-member board was to meet today to lay out a roadmap for restoring confidence of clients and staff following revelations of accounting fraud.

"Restoring confidence is the main job, the first job we have, apart from restating the accounts," said Housing Development Finance Corp. chairman Deepak Parekh, who was earlier named one of three members on the board along with Kiran Karnik, formerly of National Association of Software and Service Companies, and C. Achutan, a former official of the regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India. REUTERS

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Ferbey wins TSN Skins Game

Edmonton's Randy Ferbey defeated Ontario's Glenn Howard in the $100,000 TSN Skins Game at Casino Rama in Rama, Ont., yesterday. Ferbery's rink will take home $70,000 for the victory. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Tebow opts to stay in school

Fresh off carrying Florida to its second national championship in three years, Gators quarterback Tim Tebow, left, announced yesterday he will remain in school for his senior season. The 2007 Heisman Trophy winner surprised a large crowd celebrating Florida's 24-14 victory over Oklahoma in the BCS title game on Thursday by saying he will be back in uniform for the Gators next season. Tebow finished third in the Heisman voting this past season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Steelers light up Bolts

Eagles take down the defending Super Bowl champions

NFL RESULTS

Willie Parker rushed for a game-best 146 yards with two touchdowns on 27 carries as the Pittsburgh Steelers advanced to the AFC title game with a convincing 35-24 victory over the San Diego Chargers in an AFC divisional matchup from Heinz Field in Pittsburgh yesterday.

Ben Roethlisberger completed 17-of-26 passes for 181 yards and a score for the Steelers (13-4), who will host the AFC championship game next Sunday against the Baltimore Ravens at 6:30 p.m.

Santonio Holmes returned a punt for a touchdown, while Hines Ward led the receiving corps with 70 yards on four receptions.

Eagles 23, Giants 11 — Donovan McNabb threw for a touchdown and rushed for another and the Eagles defence kept the New York Giants out of the end zone, as the defending Super Bowl champions were ousted by rival Philadelphia, 23-11, in a physical NFC Divisional playoff battle.

Windy conditions at the Meadowlands kept both offences in check.

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CHRIS GRAYTHEN/GETTY IMAGES

Santonio Holmes of the Pittsburgh Steelers fights off defenders to score a touchdown on a 67-yard punt return against the San Diego Chargers during their AFC playoff game yesterday at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh. The Steelers defeated the Chargers 35-24.

NFL Conference Championship games

Both games played Sunday, Jan. 18

- **NFC:** Philadelphia (11-6-1) at Arizona (11-7), noon
- **AFC**: Baltimore (13-5) at Pittsburgh (13-4), 3:30 p.m.

Stepanek wins title Down Under

TENNIS Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic upset Spain's Fernando Verdasco 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 yesterday to claim the men's singles title at the inaugural Brisbane International in Australia.

Radek Stepanek

REUTERS

Ogilvy wins PGA's season-opener

GOLF Geoff Ogilvy's closest challengers paid tribute to the Australian after he eased to a six-shot victory at the Mercedes-Benz Championship in Kapalua, Hawaii, yesterday.

Although overnight pacesetter Ogilvy came close to surrendering a six-stroke lead with a faltering start, he covered the last 10 holes in seven under par to secure his fifth PGA Tour title.

REUTERS

Allen leads Celtics past Raptors

NBA RESULTS

Boston 94 | **Toronto** 88

NBA Ray Allen was nearly perfect in his season-high 36-point game, leading the Boston Celtics to a 94-88 victory over the Raptors at Air Canada Centre in Toronto yesterday afternoon.

Allen shot 11-of-14 overall and 8-of-10 from three-point range for the Celtics, who had lost four straight and seven of their last nine after a 19-game winning streak. Rajon Rondo posted 14 points and 11 assists, and Kevin Garnett had 10 points and 11 rebounds in the win.

"12:30 games are tough for us, for most of us not having familiarity with it, but for the most part we got back to some of the things that we wanted to do," Allen said.

Chris Bosh had 15 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Raptors, who had won four of their previous five before shooting a dreadful 37.8 per cent from the field yesterday. Andrea Bargnani from Italy contributed 17 points and nine rebounds in the loss.

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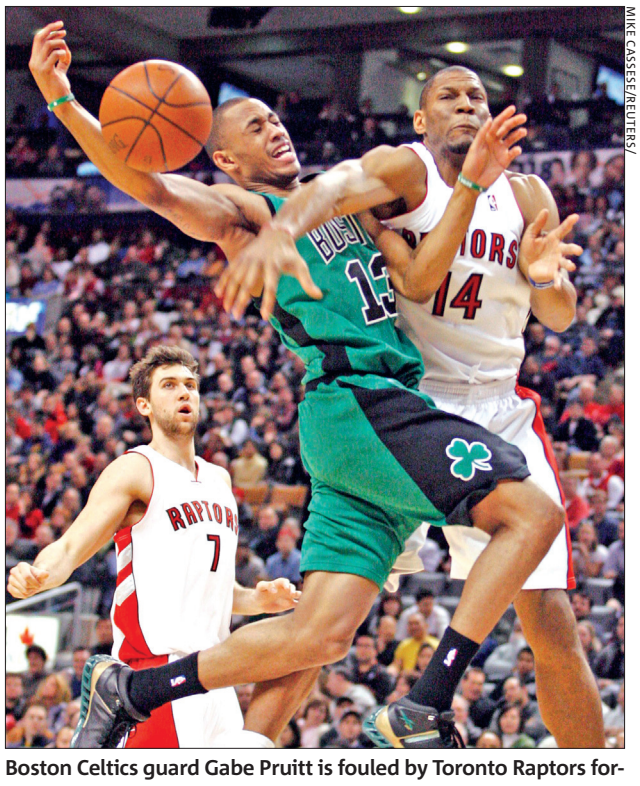

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Boston Celtics guard Gabe Pruitt is fouled by Toronto Raptors forward Joey Graham, right, during yesterday's NBA game.

Fans unlikely to be patient with Sundin

ToulBox

Scott Rintoul

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Mats Sundin's first three games in Canucks' colours could quite easily be labelled the Good, the Bad and the Ugly, though not in that order.

The good came on Saturday night when Sundin potted his first goal against the Sharks and was unlucky not to score on a pair of other chances. That offence produced both cheers and a collective sigh of relief from Vancouver hockey fans as Sundin (the bad) was nowhere to be found in a 6-4 loss to the lowly Blues. Check that — he could be found in the penalty box, which is where the ugly comes in.

Sundin watched from the sin bin on consecutive nights as the opposition scored game-winning goals at GM Place. His lack of discipline came at critical points in each game, and his teammates were not able to cover up his mistakes. That said, Sundin has given fans reason to believe he will improve both the 5-on-5 offence and the power play, but how long will it take for the positives to outweigh the negatives?

It's safe to suggest that it will take until after this month's all-star break to expect a consistent effort from the big Swede, as that will have given him the length of regular NHL training camp to get up to speed. Though realistically, that time frame is problematic for the supporters of this team since their expectations are in mid-season form.

Fans accept such errors during exhibition play and the first couple of weeks of the season. But when they can see rival teams winning while their club loses in part due to mistakes that should have been made three months ago, their patience runs thin.

- The Canucks have their fingers crossed that Roberto Luongo won't exhibit many signs of rust upon his return to the ice, which could come as soon as this weekend. Luongo has been participating in most parts of practice for nearly a week now, and appears cautiously optimistic that he'll have game action under his belt before jetting off to the all-star game in Montreal.

Given Vancouver's sub-.500 record during his absence, the Canucks can't afford a lengthy wait for Luongo to round into form. He is a traditionally slow starter in October, but there is no history of mid-season injury on which to base any type of prediction.

- It looks like this may be the week in which Cam Wake's future employer is revealed. The CFL defensive player of the year in each of the past to seasons is said to be close to inking a deal that will put $500,000 in his pocket in the form of a signing bonus. The Tennessee Titans are rumoured to be the frontrunner for Wake's services with up to twelve NFL teams interested in the former Lion.

Scott Rintoul is a college athlete, sports fan and broadcaster. He can be heard Monday-Friday on the TEAM 1040 from 6-9 a.m.

Sports in brief

NHL The Edmonton Oilers placed right-wing Zack Stortini on injured reserve yesterday and recalled centre Ryan Potulny from Springfield of the AHL.

NBA Atlanta Hawks forward Al Horford missed yesterday's game against the 76ers and will miss the team's next three games with a bone bruise to his right knee. On the season, Horford has averaged 10.8 points and 8.7 rebounds in 33 games.

NFL The Denver Broncos have reached agreement to name New England offensive co-ordinator Josh McDaniels their new head coach, ESPN.com is reporting. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Metro Workology exclusive: Curtain Call
Don't miss Curtain Call, Metro's exclusive feature series in the Workology section. In the realm of death there are some interesting, lucrative and mysterious career opportunities; we will be digging up the stories for you, so check for Workology on Mondays and Wednesdays and Metronews.ca/work as well.

Workology

Plea for colleges

Last month, Association of Canadian Community Colleges president James Knight wrote a letter addressed to all federal MPs urging the government to include the nation's colleges in its infrastructure plan. Knight says investment in college infrastructure is a "winning combination both ways," as it will address the shortage of classroom facilities and create jobs. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Ashes to ashes, dust to...

Crematorium operator is not a job for the faint of heart

Curtain Call

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Canadian flags, flowers and ribboned wreaths festoon the burial plots lining the narrow roads at Thornton Cemetery, Crematorium and Mausoleum in Oshawa, Ont.

The decorations that serve as homage to the dead are a fitting prologue to the tiny, neatly maintained chapel attached to the cemetery's head office. But esthetic turns from day to night when one walks through the chapel's back doors to the industrial-looking crematorium where Adam Rowe works.

Rowe, 37, is the crematorium operator for the burial ground, one of 10 operated by the Mount Pleasant Group of Cemeteries. Although his workspace appears to be a far cry from the pleasantries adorning the rest of the grounds, Rowe's meticulousness and respect for his work are evident.

"I've been in the same position as every person I've ever dealt with," he says. "I know how they feel and I know how hard it is. I try to make it as easy as I can for them."

BRIAN COULTON/FOR METRO CANADA

Crematorium operator Adam Rowe stands in front of a one of the cremation chambers.

When bodies arrive from the hospital or funeral home, Rowe begins a detailed identification process including marking legal forms, the casket and the bag the body's remains will be kept in to guarantee remains are those of the individual he reports them to be.

"I think a lot of people have misconceptions about the way crematoriums are," he says. "It doesn't matter if the body's there or if it's cremated remains. There's some way to identify who it was. That's the one thing I like to impress upon people."

After identification, Rowe wheels the casket into a 4.5 C chilled holding room. When it's ready to be cremated, he brings it to one of two brick-lined cremation chambers, called retorts, inside which incineration and vaporization occurs. On a retort's front, a doorknob-sized window shoots out orange light when in action.

"Everything's glowing red hot. If you stuck anything to those bricks, it would be on fire in seconds," he says.

At roughly 540 C, the burners within set alight the casket, propelling ignition of its contents. After about two-and-a-half hours, only bones and non-combustible items like artificial body parts or casket screws remain.

Rowe uses a long rake and broom to collect the remnants, and brings them to the cremulator. "This is basically an industrial blender that takes the bone fragments down to what people refer to as ashes," he says. "They're not actually ashes. They're just fragments of bone that are of indescribable size."

"I've been in the same position as every person I've ever dealt with. I know how they feel and I know how hard it is. I try to make it as easy as I can for them."
Adam Rowe

From there, it's to the urn or wherever the family wants the remains, ending the four-hour cremation process.

Looking at the desktop computer image of his newborn baby boy, Rowe admits cremating children and witnessing grieving families can be depressing. But he doesn't allow personal experiences, including losing much of his own family in a short period, to influence his work.

"I have to be comfortable doing what I'm doing."

For more of the Curtain Call exclusive series check the Workology section Mondays and Wednesdays or stop by Metronews.ca/work

One-in-five plan job change in 2009

EMPLOYMENT Even with slower hiring predicted for 2009, 19 per cent of workers say finding a new job is on their list of New Year's resolutions and the same amount say they actually plan to leave their current job before the end of the year, according to CareerBuilder.com's latest survey. Additionally, six-in-10 workers say the economy and the tightening job market are not making them hold off on their plans to change jobs.

Workers cited a variety of reasons for wanting to leave their jobs in the new year, with the most workers, 49 per cent, reporting that better pay and/or career advancement opportunities are the primary reasons they plan to leave their current positions.

Fourteen per cent are looking for an environment where they feel more appreciated and 10 per cent want to work for a company that is making a difference. Seven per cent of workers are electing to change careers entirely, while three per cent say they are leaving their jobs because they want more flexibility or plan to go back to school.

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World Trade University leaves Chilliwack

Following three years of controversy, World Trade University has "quietly" left Chilliwack B.C. The flags outside the university have been removed, and the building used to house the school is being prepared for another tenant. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sexes mark mobile difference

Men favour features while women aim for aesthetics in cellphones

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Men and women pick and use their mobile phones differently, a new study by Ipsos Reid and Windows Mobile shows.

The study found men were more likely to choose a phone for its features while women were more likely to choose one for its form and appearance. Men were also more likely than women to sleep with their mobile device next to their bed at night. The study also showed men admitted to calling their friends most often while women were more likely to call family members.

Laurence Ashworth, professor of marketing at the Queen's School of Business, says the results show men and women use mobile devices for different reasons.

"Men use the devices for a broader range of functions that relate to specific things they want to achieve in their lives. For women these devices fulfill an aesthetic goal — the look of the product conveys something about themselves," Ashworth said.

Both sexes agreed they spend more time with their mobile phone than with their significant other — though men were more likely (45 per cent) to admit to giving their device more attention than their significant other compared to women (28 per cent). Ashworth says the statistic isn't surprising but definitely sobering.

A study revealed that 36 per cent of people admitted they would search through a garbage can to find their phone.

"We already spend more time at work than with our significant other, but I think if people stepped back they might take a look at how they use these devices," he said.

When it came to picking colours for their mobile phones, men were much more likely to stick to black compared to women who would pick a wider variety of colours.

"Men are clearly staying away from feminine-style colours. Not one man in the survey said they would choose a pink mobile phone. There's still a social stigma attached to a man using a pink phone," Ashworth said.

Men and women did agree on how far they would go to retrieve a phone in unsavoury circumstances. Thirty-six per cent overall admitted they would search through a garbage can to find their phone while 20 per cent said they would reach into a toilet to fish their phone out. One in twenty admitted they would pull their phone out of a pile of dog excrement. In all above situations, 40 per cent of men and women said they would continue to use their phone. Ashworth suggests the responses highlight the importance mobile phones have in people's daily lives.

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Laurence Ashworth of the Queen's School of Business

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Moncton hospital set to become university teaching centre
New Brunswick's health minister says the Dr. Georges L. Dumont Regional Hospital, located in Moncton, is slated to become a university teaching centre, under which the hospital could access new funding and attract doctors and researchers. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Hey you! Lets plan a fight

OddJobs

The first fight Simon Fon ever designed got him a standing ovation.

He'd just gradated from the theatre program at York University and was doing the Dream in High Park in Toronto. He and veteran actor Philip Aiken were to fight using shields and Japanese staffs, but there was no choreography.

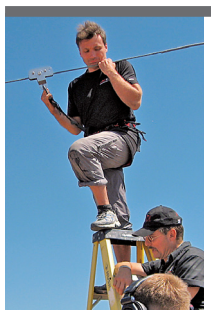
The two worked for hours on it, and the cast stood up and applauded when they did it for the first time. Fon now had a new passion besides acting.

Using the skills he'd learned in stage combat classes in school, plus the athleticism that had him trying sports as diverse as hockey and fencing, Fon started fight directing for small plays, often convincing the director he was needed and working for little to no money.

Over time, he got more and more work — especially when directors saw that a properly choreographed fight was a lot more interesting. He eventually got film and TV work, where he did fight directing, stunt work and acting, usually of highly physical roles.

When he works on a movie, TV show or play, he usually meets with the director first to find out what he or she wants from the fight: how long it should be, what weapons the actors will use and how rough it should get.

On his own, he comes up with a basic fight that fits those requirements. Then he meets with the performers. "You really do have to get inside the actors' heads," he says. Using mainly their ideas — he often leaves his own notes sitting on the corner of the stage — they develop the fight in slow motion.



"Now that I'm 41, I have to keep myself in shape, otherwise I won't be able to perform at my best or keep up with my students."
Fight director
Simon Fon

Once they've got most of the fight, he videotapes it, which they use to refine the movements and remember the choreography. On average, he takes about 20 hours to develop and perfect a two-minute stage fight.

Two years ago, Fon got together with eight other colleagues — a collection of fight directors, filmmakers and other professionals — to create Riot Act. This group offers fight directing services for theatre and film (the company is doing numerous shows at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival next summer) and also makes its own short films, which they've started winning awards for.

When he's not working or teaching stage combat at George Brown College, Fon is keeping fit. He cycles, does gymnastics, practises martial arts (he's got a black belt in Woo Gar Mo Sut) and develops fights with his colleagues from Riot Act. "Now that I'm 41, I have to keep myself in shape, otherwise I won't be able to perform at my best or keep up with my students."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Fight director
Salary: About $400 for theatre, $600 and more a day for film and TV
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High School Musical star ties the knot

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Entertainment

Fergie weds

Black Eyed Peas singer Fergie, left, and actor Josh Duhamel were married Saturday at the Church Estates Vineyards in Malibu, Calif. **PEOPLE.COM**

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Slumdog hits awards jackpot

The late Heath Ledger in his villainous role as the Joker in the Batman movie The Dark Knight won a Golden Globe award yesterday for Best Supporting Actor.

The award for Ledger, who died of an accidental drug overdose last year, was accepted by Dark Knight director Christopher Nolan, who said the loss of Ledger was like "a hole ripped in modern cinema."

"All of us who worked with Heath accept this with an awful mixture of sadness but incredible pride," Nolan said. "He will be eternally missed, but he will never be forgotten."

The night's other big winner was rags-to-riches tale Slumdog Millionaire, which won four of the coveted awards including Best Film Drama to give it a leg up in Hollywood's race for the Oscars.

In other major honours, director Woody Allen's Vicky Cristina Barcelona was named Best Film Musical or Comedy.

Kate Winslet grabbed two Golden Globes, one for Best Actress in a Drama for her role as a frustrated housewife in Revolutionary Road, and the second for Best Supporting Actress for playing a German woman with a hidden past in The Reader.

Mickey Rourke, meanwhile, was named Best Actor in a Film Drama with The Wrestler.

Colin Farrell won Best Actor in a Musical or Comedy with his role as a hitman in In Bruges, and Sally Hawkins was Best Actress in the same group for her work as an optimistic teacher in Happy-Go-Lucky. **REUTERS**

FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY IMAGES

Kate Winslet

Winners

MOTION PICTURES:
- BEST DRAMA: Slumdog Millionaire
- BEST COMEDY OR MUSICAL: Vicky Cristina Barcelona
- BEST ACTRESS DRAMA: Kate Winslet, Revolutionary Road
- BEST ACTOR DRAMA: Mickey Rourke, The Wrestler

TELEVISION:
- BEST DRAMA: Mad Men
- BEST COMEDY: 30 Rock
- BEST ACTOR DRAMA: Gabriel Byrne, In Treatment
- BEST ACTRESS DRAMA: Anna Paquin, True Blood

For more red carpet photos and a complete list of Golden Globe winners, visit metronews.ca/entertainment

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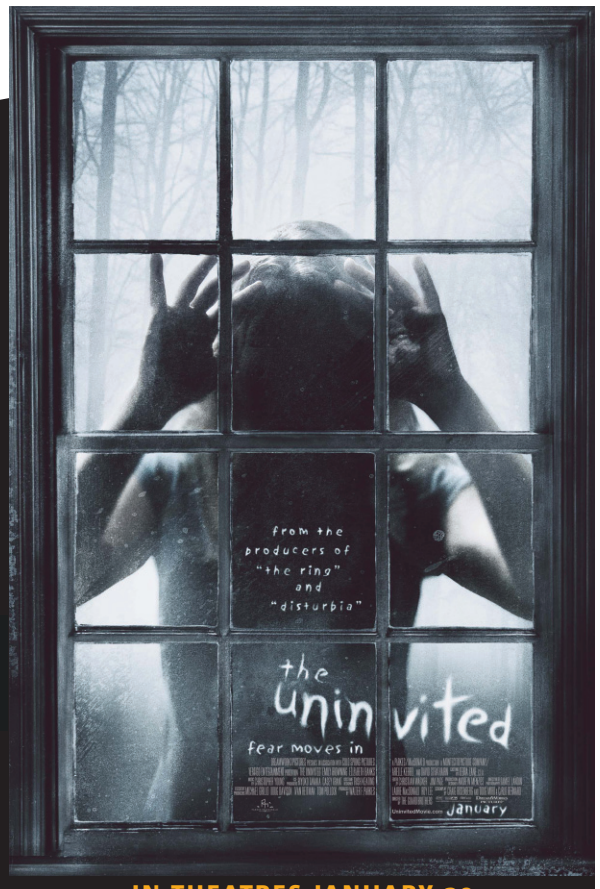

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Co-star couple
Actor Michael C. Hall has wed Jennifer Carpenter, who plays his sister on the Showtime series Dexter. The couple eloped in California on New Year's Eve. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

One long 24 marathon

IntelleVision

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The adventures of Jack Bauer returned to the air last night.

ALL NIGHT LONG: The event runners watching the security monitors at Yorkdale shopping mall earlier this week had a running bet that Ryan Grech, a 23-year-old from Mississauga, Ont., who confessed to me that "I don't really watch TV that much, to be honest," wouldn't last the first two days of the 24 marathon.

Global's publicity stunt for the return of 24 to the air after a year and a half was inspired — a challenge where nine fans of the show had to stay glued to all six seasons of the show for as long as they could stay awake. Whoever remained alert after 70 hours would break a Guinness record for continuous TV viewing — a record that got extended by an hour last week when someone in Baltimore managed to break the existing record by an hour.

"As I started I didn't think I was going to last," Grech told me yesterday, after breaking the hew record by a further hour on Friday and winning $24,000, a Sharp Blu-ray player, two LCD TVs and the La-Z-Boy chair he was sitting in. "24 hours felt so far away that I didn't think I would make it. I wasn't one of the favourites, that's for sure, but I was able to conserve my energy.

"I had a game plan from the beginning. I looked at the food that they were serving and I'd say 'Well, if I eat this I'm going to have to use the washroom.' I pretty much just shut down my body for three days, and ate a lot of fruits and vegetables and a lot of water. As the competition went on I knew I got stronger."

The continuing adventures of Jack Bauer, which returned to the air last night with the first half of a 4-hour premiere full of the usual conspiracies, catastrophes and character U-turns, is the only show Grech says he watches. The marathon seemed like "a great opportunity to start the year off well," said Grech, while he waits for an opening at a fire department in Ontario.

"24 was just a show that something caught me very early on," he says. "I set that hour to watch every week, but other than that I'm pretty active — I go out a lot, I play sports."

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Unborn: The story's bad, cast even worse

The Unborn

Director: David Goyer
Stars: Odette Yustman, Gary Oldman
Classification: 14A
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Odette Yustman

All the trailers claiming that The Unborn is the latest film by "the writer of the Dark Knight" is false advertising. Writer/director David Goyer only co-authored a Joker-related outline with Christopher Nolan years before he actually wrote the script.

The ads for The Unborn should be saying "from the director of Blade 3" because that would be a far more accurate foreshadowing of the ridiculous dialogue, amateurish acting, and cliché-ridden convoluted storytelling that define the movie.

Odette Yustman stars as a young woman haunted by the ghost of her departed twin brother who is desperate to break into our world. It's not a terrible set up, but after the opening scenes the plot gets so strained and confusing that everything from Nazism to possessed dogs end up tied into the haunting.

All of the dialogue is impossible to deliver truthfully, but the cast still manage to make it worse. Yustman shows why she was hired in a variety of lovingly photographed scenes in her underwear, but stumbles every time she tries to emote. The rest of the young cast surrounding Yustman are equally talent-deprived, capable of little more than appearing attractive on film.

The only person in the movie who can act is Gary Oldman, and while he does manage to make his lines sound like they were spoken by a human, this is still the low point of his career. Appearing as a rabbi required to reenact a clumsily-staged copy of the climax of The Exorcist, Oldman is visibly bored by the film which clearly meant little more to him than a paycheque.

This is Goyer's first straight horror film and he is obviously a fan of the genre because he steals from older and better horror movies in practically every scene.

Hopefully he ripped off all the horror movies he liked this time and has nothing left to "inspire" another outing in the genre.

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	253	359	13 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		The Bachelor (N) (CC)			Less-Kind	True Beauty (N) (CC)		EP Daily
	-	-	14 CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Gossip Girl (N) (CC)		One Tree Hill (N) (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
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	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Superstars of Dance The dance competition continues. (N)				Momma's Boys (N) (CC)		News (N)
	602	568	19 W	Will & Grace	Friends (CC)	How Clean	Kim	Love It or List It		House	Smart Cookies	Maxed Out
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Bachelor (N) (CC)			Samantha	True Beauty (N) (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	-	-	23 KVOS	M*A*S*H	Seinfeld	Grey Owl ★★ (1999, Drama) Pierce Brosnan, Annie Galipeau.				King	Still Standing	Scrubs (CC)
	291	383	27 PBS	Steves Europe	Antiques	Antiques Roadshow (N) (CC)		The Story of India (N) (CC)		The Story of India (N) (CC)		Brain Fitness
	290	382	28 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	24 Jack Bauer assists with the investigation of Tony Almeida.				News (N) (CC)		Family Guy
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	295	651	66 WGN	WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Family Guy	Two/Half Men	According-Jim	Sex and-City	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	My Wife-Kids
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	616	522	39 SHO	The Outer Limits "Haven"		Kink in Hair	Kink in Hair	Kenny-Spenny	Rent-A-Goalie	My Name Is Earl (CC)		House (CC)
	620	523	40 BVO	(6:00) Soweto Gospel Choir		Law & Order "White Lie"		Without a Trace (CC)		Twin Falls Idaho ★★ (1999) Michael Polish.		
	601	562	41 SLC	Tim Gunn's Guide to Style		ET Canada	Matchmaker	Tim Gunn's Guide to Style		Trading Spouses		Biggest Loser
	520	505	42 DIS	Verminators "Roach Motel"		Daily Planet (CC)		Dirty Jobs (CC)		Verminators "Roach Motel"		MythBusters
	522	506	44 HIS	NCIS "Singled Out" (CC)		Battle 360 (CC)		Escape From Auschwitz		NCIS "Singled Out" (CC)		Crime Stories
	627	528	45 SPC	Ghost Hunters (CC)		Stargate SG-1 Black hole.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine		Star Trek: Ent.
	294	650	47 TBS	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Seinfeld	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Shanghai Knights ★★★ (2003) (PA) Jackie Chan. (CC)			
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	603	561	52 FN	Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Chef School	Chef School	Challenge Birthday cake.		Food	Road Tasted	Hell's Kitchen
	626	547	57 COM	Air Farce	Just for Laughs (CC)		Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Mike Birbiglia: What I Should		Daily Show
	320	621	60 CEN	Atlantis	(:45) Ryan	Definitely, Maybe ★★★ (2008) Ryan Reynolds, Isla Fisher.				School for Scoundrels ★★ (2006) (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	The City	After	MTV Live	MTV News	Bromance (CC)		The City	After	MTV Live
	261	394	102 V	Runaway Grooms		Poltergeist: The Legacy		The Detective ★★★ (1954, Comedy) Alec Guinness. (CC)				Paid Program
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critics' corner

Two and a Half Men
Sometimes we think they choose episode titles solely to make us scratch our heads. Case in point, this week in "Thank God for Scoliosis," Charlie and Jake (Charlie Sheen, Angus T. Jones) fight for the affections of a waitress, while Alan (Jon Cryer) fights sexual tension with his receptionist (Kelly Stables). Actually, now that we think of it, when it comes to back trouble, our money's on Charlie. Carol Kane also guest stars. 9 PM on CBS CTV

Sophie
It's a compliment when so many people trust you to keep their secrets, isn't it? Tell that to Sophie (Natalie Brown), who realizes that she's carrying around a full vault of secrets told to her by various people. And it's getting more and more difficult to keep straight who told her what and whom not to tell what. Rick (Sebastian Spence) has new office space that's too close to Sophie for comfort in the new episode "An Outing With Sophie." 8:30 PM on CBC

Pink and Hart seen together on New Year's

Pink and Carey Hart may have split in February — but they seemed very much together last week, usmagazine reports. The website says a source spotted the pair smooching on New Year's Eve — and says they spent the entire weekend together. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Craig is down to earth, says Schreiber

CAREER Liev Schreiber and Daniel Craig got "really silly" on the set of new movie Defiance, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Liev admits he was surprised by how down to earth Daniel was, adding the pair — who play Jewish brothers who take refuge in the forest to escape the Nazis during the Second World War — became the best of friends during filming.

He said: "I was really impressed that Daniel Craig was this major motion picture star who didn't go to his trailer in between takes. I'm accustomed to that with A-list actors. They go to their trailer and then we all wait for them to come out. But Daniel didn't. He sat with us and told stories and we had snowball fights and we bonded. Actually we got really silly. We spent a lot of time being silly."

The 41-year-old actor also revealed the pair bonded over vodka, as consuming vast amounts of the potent alcoholic beverage was the only way they could stay warm while filming in Lithuania

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Paris disputes her promiscuous image

PEOPLE For everyone who thinks the name Paris Hilton is synonymous with promiscuous, well, think again, says the heiress, intouchweekly.com reports.

"I've only ever done it with a couple of people," Paris tells U.K. Glamour. "People make up stories, but mostly I just kiss."

In fact, it seems Paris is a Rules girl when it comes down to it, adds the website. "I think it's important to play hard to get," she advises. "Nobody wants the fake Prada bag — they want the brand-new bag that no one can get and is the most expensive. If you give it up to a guy, he won't respect you. He'll want you much more if he can't have you."

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Kate accidentally whacked 'Annie'

FILMING During the filming of their big fight scene in Bride Wars, it seems Kate Hudson and Anne Hathway got a little carried away, intouchweekly.com reports.

"We were really tired, and I had this big rock on my finger. I whacked Annie in the face so hard," Kate admitted on the Rachael Ray show last week. "She was like, 'No, no, keep going' because she was so into it. Two hours later, she's sitting in the back of a car with an ice pack on her face. I was so bad. I really clocked her."

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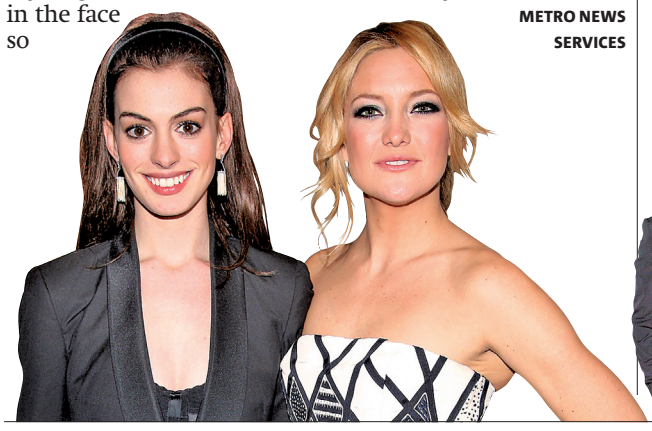

Burke happy for Dancing co-stars

RELATIONSHIPS Brooke Burke was among those not surprised by the engagement of Dancing With the Stars' Karina Smirnoff and Maksim Chmerkovskiy, people.com reports.

"You could see the chemistry," Burke, 37, Dancing's Season 7 champ, told the magazine in Las Vegas Friday night. "I'm really happy for them and I hope it works out."

The two professional dancers became engaged in Las Vegas at Wynn Las Vegas on New Year's Eve.

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Marsden likes wife to dress up

PEOPLE James Marsden likes his wife to dress up as Snow White, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Sex Drive star has revealed that his wife of eight years — actress Lisa Linde — looks like the Disney character Snow White and even owns the costume.

He told Arena magazine: "Actually, if you look at my wife, and if she put that outfit on — I'm not saying we do that to spice things up — but she looks a lot like her."

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Allen criticizes label's lodging

PEOPLE British pop star Lily Allen has hit out at her record label for failing to make her trips abroad luxurious enough, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Smile singer claims she only made $72,500 US from her debut album, 2006's Alright, Still, despite the LP going on to sell nearly two million copies worldwide.

And Allen claims she is forced to stay in substandard accommodation while she is abroad promoting her music, because executives at Emi Records refuse to pay for her to stay in expensive hotels, the website adds.

"Twenty years ago, I'd have been booked in at the Ritz with five grams of cocaine on my table and 10 bunches of flowers. Some new clothes. A chauffeur on 24-hour call. Now I'm lucky to get an Oyster card (London public transport travel ticket)," the webiste quotes her as saying.

"I ask for a hotel in Paris and I get a two-star place in the eighth arrondissement on my own. I'm like 'Do you want me to get raped and killed?' I'm not being snobby. But if I have to go away for work, why can't it be nice for me when it's making them money?"

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Lohan upset over film roles

CAREER Lindsay Lohan is annoyed she doesn't win as many film roles as Scarlett Johansson — because she is convinced she works just as hard as the Lost in Translation star, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Lohan fears she isn't taken seriously by filmmakers because the last few turbulent years of her life — in which she was arrested for drink driving and spent time in rehab — tarnished her reputation as a serious actress, the website says.

And the 22-year-old is still struggling to shake her party girl image because she is constantly in the media spotlight. But the star remains adamant she is hard-working and deserving of as many acting roles as the other actresses of her generation.

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Cruise likes challenging roles

CAREER Tom Cruise always wants to challenge himself with the roles he takes on, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 46-year-old actor — who plays Colonel Claus von Stauffenberg in new movie Valkyrie, which tells the story about a plot to kill Adolf Hitler — always aims to take on parts which push his acting ability.

The website quotes Cruise as saying, "The colonel was a very different character for me to portray but I've always taken on challenging roles. I am always looking for a good movie and I have always wanted to challenge myself. I just want to keep growing as an artist and I don't think that has ever changed."

Cruise also revealed he wasn't put off starring in the film by its controversial subject matter, femalefirst.co.uk adds.

Cruise added: "There was a lot of controversy but it kind of got blown out of proportion. Making the film was an intense experience. I didn't know a lot about the story beforehand and I didn't know the level of what this man, and all the men and their families, went through, so you naturally feel that kind of pressure.

"I felt a great responsibility to make sure we had the spirit of the Resistance in this piece and that we were as accurate as possible."

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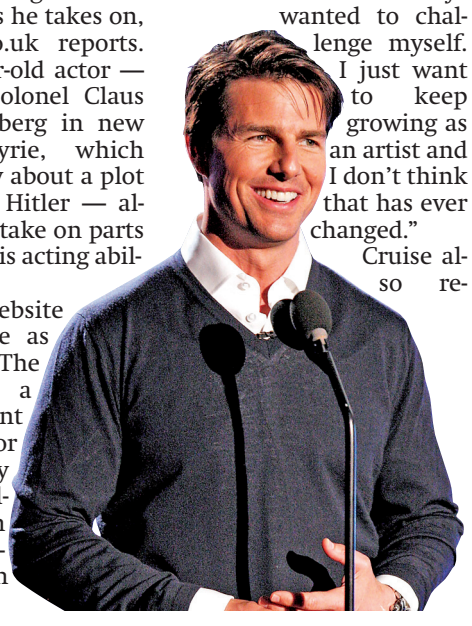

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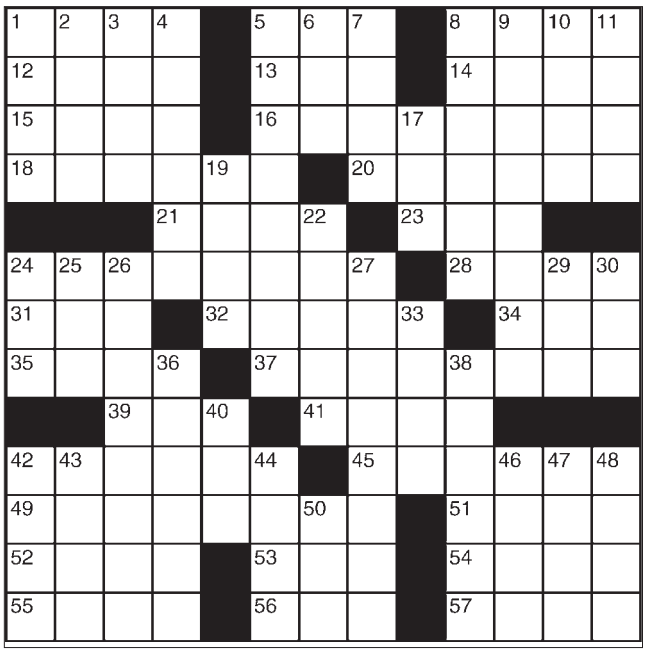

Crossword across

1 Highway
5 Wrestling surface
8 Ego
12 Harvard rival
13 — Khan
14 Nastase of tennis fame
15 And others (Latin)
16 Insisted on
18 Cunning
20 Do relief work
21 Low card
23 Links standard
24 Bearing
28 Carvey or Delany
31 Eggs
32 Tea variety
34 "— Juan"
35 Stroll
37 Narrow-necked bottle
39 Party bowlful
41 Challenge
42 Weakness of a sort
45 Irritate
49 Obama, for one
51 Thailand, once
52 Needing a tiebreaker
53 Square root of IX
54 Opposed to
55 Infamous emperor
56 Joan of —
57 Encounter

Crossword down

1 Pumpernickels' kin
2 Inauguration recitation
3 Winged
4 Take out of context?
5 Put into a frenzy
6 Time of your life?
7 Domesticate
8 Mythical sailor
9 Site of fabulous wealth
10 False statements
11 Govt. agents
17 Intensify, with "up"
19 Gift concealer
22 Joined, as oxen
24 Wall Street name
25 Gabor or Peron
26 Seasickness
27 Conducive to courtship
29 Japanese drama
30 — Arbor, Mich.
33 Green land
36 What an obi accessorizes
38 Ship' s castoff
40 Snapshot
42 Mideast gulf
43 Actress Campbell
44 La Scala solo
46 Fork feature
47 Tardy
48 Send forth
50 Atmosphere

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY' S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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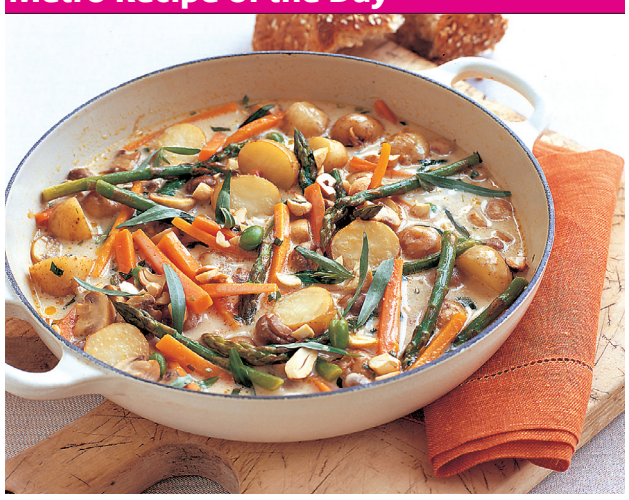

Creamy Vegetable Fricassee

INGREDIENTS:
1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
8 oz (250 g) carrots, peeled and cut into sticks
8 oz (250 g) new potatoes, scrubbed and halved or quartered (depending on size)
5 oz (150 g) button mushrooms, halved
1 2/3 cup (400 mL) diluted reduced-salt vegetable stock
2 tbsp (25 mL) dry white wine
2 tsp (10 mL) fresh tarragon or 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried tarragon
1 cup (250 mL) frozen broad beans
5 oz (150 g) asparagus, trimmed
1/4 cup (175 mL) light sour cream
1/2 cup (125 mL) unsalted cashew nuts
1 tbsp (15 mL) fresh tarragon (optional)

METHOD:
1. Heat oil in large flameproof casserole dish over medium heat. Add carrots, potatoes and mushrooms, and cook, stirring frequently, about 4 minutes until lightly browned.
2. Pour in stock and white wine, and stir in tarragon. Bring to boil, then reduce heat, cover and simmer gently about 10 minutes until vegetables are almost cooked.
3. Stir in broad beans and lay asparagus on top. Cover and simmer for 6 minutes or until vegetables are tender.
4. Lift out vegetables onto plate, using slotted spoon. Stir sour cream into liquid in casserole dish and heat through gently, then season to taste. Return vegetables to casserole dish, coating with sauce. Scatter nuts and tarragon leaves (if using) over top,

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A rebel will lighten up. A deal is made but it won' t last forever. Eliminate weariness with exercise and vitamin.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A lonely person must accept a love affair. Don' t be hostile when a tantrum is thrown. You' ll be absent-minded at night.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A relative wants to get married. There' s only one way out of a situation. Professional changes are looming.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Your enthusiasm will affect gloomy people. A hypocritical female has lots of gossip. Your income becomes an issue.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Therapy is needed to improve family harmony. A scam artist is calm and reasonable. A self-improvement project may be excessive.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Being overly idealistic with friends will create problems. Don't interfere in a street fight. You can create a remarkable change for the better.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You' re rewarded for playing fairly. Make an effort to nurse someone back to health. A winning argument unsettles a leader.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A man understands a dilemma. Somebody's unstable behaviour cramps your style. A parent needs professional support.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A guardian will grant someone's wishes. An understanding is reached with a prepared visitor. A failure to act is misunderstood.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A woman's unpredictability leads to feelings of rejection. Make an important purchase that you've put off. Avoid people who are overreacting.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
People leading separate lives will come together. Don't be reluctant to part with gloomy villains. Don't do anything the hard way.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Be creative when pressured by money worries. Taking a cost-conscious approach will work best. Someone will trust your instincts.

This day in history

JAN. 12, 1908: A long-distance radio message is sent from the Eiffel Tower for the first time.
JAN. 12, 1915: The United States House of Representatives rejects proposal to give women the right to vote.
JAN. 12, 1995: Malcolm X's daughter, Qubilah Shabazz, is arrested for conspiring to kill Louis Farrakhan.
JAN. 12, 2004: The world's largest ocean liner, RMS Queen Mary 2, makes its maiden voyage.
JAN. 12, 2006: Turkey releases Mehmet Ali Ağca from jail after he served 25 years for shooting Pope John Paul II.

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